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SUBJECT: UNESCO: REVISION OF IMPORT DUTIES: POSSIBLE
VIOLATION OF UNESCO AGREEMENT

REFS: A) BUJUMBURA 820, B) PARIS 23221

1. SUMMARY. BURUNDI DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A PARTY TO THE
UNESCO AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO FACTS PROVIDED REF A.
ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD NOT PURSUE MATTER AT THIS TIME.
IF US INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED, HOWEVER, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. AS INDICATED REF B, BELGIAN DECLARATION OF OCT 31, 1957
EXTENDED APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATERIALS (THE
FLORENCE AGREEMENT) TO RWANDA-URUNDI. RWANDA HAS ACCEDED
TO THE AGREEMENT BUT IN 1964 BURUNDI INFORMED UN AS DEPOSI-
TARY THAT IT DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY BELGIAN

DECLARATION EXCEPT FOR A PROVISIONAL PERIOD TO EXPIRE IN 1966. SINCE BURUNDI TOOK NO SUBSEQUENT ACTION TO ACCEDE TO AGREEMENT, UN CONSIDERS BURUNDI NOT TO BE A PARTY. DEPT HAS NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT A CONTRARY CONCLUSION.

3. FYI. IF AGREEMENT WERE APPLICABLE, THEN FACTS AS YOU RELATE THEM COULD HAVE CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION. ARTICLE 1 PROHIBITS A CONTRACTING STATE FROM APPLYING CUSTOMS DUTIES OR OTHER CHARGES ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPORTATION OF BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING NEWSPAPERS). HOWEVER, THESE ITEMS MUST BE THE PRODUCTS OF ANOTHER CONTRACTING STATE, AND THERE ARE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS (E.G., A TAX IMPOSED AT TIME OF IMPORTATION MIGHT BE PERMISSIBLE IF IT WERE A TAX ALSO IMPOSED ON INTERNAL BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS OR IF IT REPRESENTED CHARGES APPROXIMATING THE COST OF SERVICES RENDERED BY BURUNDIAN AUTHORITIES). THE US IS A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT.
END FYI.

4. WE WOULD NATURALLY BE CONCERNED IF DUTIES IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS OF AMERICAN ORIGIN OR IF AMERICAN INTERESTS ARE OTHERWISE INVOLVED. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF THAT IS IN FACT THE CASE, AS WELL AS RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, BEFORE DECIDING WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. CHRISTOPHER
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